

Amendments

In the Specification:

Please substitute pending paragraphs [0001] to [0006] and [0008] to [0011] for the following paragraphs [0001] to [0006] and [0008] to [0011]:

[0001] This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/427,792, entitled "System and Method for Multiplexing Data from Multiple Sources," filed October 27, 1999, by Limb *et al.*, (still pending), which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety. This application claims the benefit of the following United States provisional applications:

[0002] U.S. Patent Application No. 60/182,470, entitled "Intelligent Silence Suppression," filed February 15, 2000, by Gummalla *et al.*, (abandoned), which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety;

[0003] U.S. Patent Application No. 60/247,188, entitled "A Local Scheduling Mechanism for Cable Modems," filed November 9, 2000, by Sala *et al.*, (abandoned), which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety;

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[0004] U.S. Patent Application No. 60/254,415, entitled "A Local Scheduling Mechanism for Cable Modems," filed December 8, 2000, by Sala *et al.* (abandoned), which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety;

[0005] U.S. Patent Application No. 60/262,201, entitled "Voice Scheduling Algorithms," filed January 17, 2001, by Sala *et al.* (abandoned), which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety; and

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[0006] U.S. Patent Application No. 60/262,203, entitled "Concatenation of Requests at CMTS," filed January 17, 2001, by Sala *et al.* (abandoned), which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

[0008] "Voice Architecture for Transmission Over a Shared, Contention Based Medium," U.S. Patent Application No. 09/785,020, by Gummalla *et al.*, filed February 15, 2001, which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety;

[0009] "System and Method for Suppressing Silence for Support in Voice Traffic over an Asynchronous Communication Medium," U.S. Patent Application No. 09/783,405, by Gummalla *et al.*, filed February 15, 2001, which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety;

[0010] "Cable Modem System and Method for Specialized Data Transfer," U.S. Patent Application No. 09/783,403, by Bunn *et al.*, filed February 15, 2001, which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety; and

[0011] "System and Method for Combining Requests for Data Bandwidth by a Data Provider for Transmission of Data Over an Asynchronous Communication Medium," U.S. Patent Application No. 09/783,311, by Gummalla *et al.*, filed February 15, 2001, which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

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